

GDR DAILY COMMENTS ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW CIA DIRECTOR

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Secret Service Professional Helms Forced to Yield Director's Chair to Nixon  
Intimate Schlesinger

Within the framework of a comprehensive personnel-political re-shuffle in connection with the creation of his new government, President Nixon is also undertaking a change in the leadership of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) -- the worldwide espionage and subversion organization of the United States. Richard Helms, former journalist, Dulles student, Gehlen friend and secret service professional is leaving the directorship in the 8-story concrete structure at Langley -- the Washington CIA headquarters on the other bank of the Potomac River -- after 6 years of activity. He is to be replaced by James Schlesinger, who was most recently the chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission and who, at 43, is 17 years younger than Helms.

The Nixon lobby press is endeavoring to suggest to the world public that this change at the head of the CIA signals the beginning of a liberal and even humanitarian era in CIA activity. The "new man," in contrast to Helms, is said to have "no experience in the area of espionage and international underground activity." Schlesinger is reported to be the "typical all-round official; a fortuitous and infrequently-seen mixture of intellectual and manager, equipped with that combination of characteristics for which every head of government who can never find enough qualified personalities to handle the complex problems of modern society, searches with lamp in hand."

And a paper like Springer's Die Welt eagerly parrots -- a fact which conceals transparent motives -- that "the change at CIA ends an era of the American secret service," as though the CIA were standing on the threshold and asking to be permitted to cooperate actively in the World Peace Council.

Yet the very opposite is the case. As Der Spiegel stated in its second January edition: "Helms no longer fitted in with the Nixon regime, which had become more conservative following the presidential elections. He displayed his reservations with respect to the armaments policies of the

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